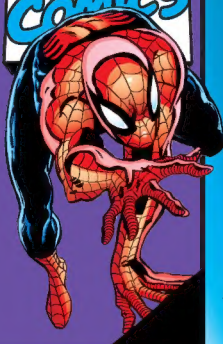


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# SPIDER-MAN

## CHAPTER ONE

HERE  
COMES  
**DAREDEVIL**  
THE MAN  
WITHOUT FEAR--

-- WHILE THE  
**WEBSPINNER**  
IS HELPLESS AT  
THE HANDS OF  
**KRAVEN THE  
HUNTER!**



# HUNTER AND HUNTED!

BLANK EYES STARE  
UNSEEING.

EMPTIED MINDS  
AWAIT THE SMALLEST  
THOUGHT.

ONLY SECONDS AGO,  
THIS WAS THE  
JOYFUL AUDIENCE OF  
ONE OF THE  
GREATEST SHOWS  
ON EARTH.

NOW THEY SIT IN  
SILENCE, ROW UPON  
ROW, MESMERIZED.



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HAMM... SEEMS LIKE EVERYONE ISN'T AFFECTED AFTER ALL!

NONE OF THE PERFORMERS APPEAR TO BE ENTRANCED.

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IT'S NOT WORKING!  
DAREDEVIL IS  
SOMEHOW IMMUNE  
TO THE HYPNOTIC  
EFFECT!

NO MATTER! I HAVE  
THE PERFECT  
WEAPON WITH WHICH  
TO DEAL WITH THIS  
INTERLOPER!

SPIDER-MAN!  
MY WILL IS YOUR  
WILL! DAREDEVIL IS  
YOUR ENEMY!

HYPNOSIS! SO  
THAT'S THEIR LITTLE  
GAME! AND, OF  
COURSE, IT COULD  
NOT WORK ON A  
BLIND MAN.

THIS IS GOING TO BE  
TOUGH! I'VE NEVER  
FOUGHT ANYONE AS  
FAST AND AGILE AS  
SPIDER-MAN.

MAYBE I'D BE WISE  
TO SKIP THE FIGHT  
ALTOGETHER, AND  
GO RIGHT TO THE  
SOURCE...

I GOT A FIX ON THE  
RINGMASTER'S  
HEARTBEAT WHEN I  
CAME IN...

SPIDER-MAN!  
DO  
SOMETHING!!

I'M NOT SURE MY  
RADAR SENSE IS UP  
TO THE TASK!





MUST...  
OBEY...  
RINGMASTER!

THUD!



HIS STRENGTH IS  
INCREDIBLE! SO  
MUCH GREATER THAN  
A NORMAL MAN!

WAIT! HE'S  
STOPPING...?

SPIDER-MAN!  
DON'T JUST  
STAND THERE!

FINISH  
HIM!!



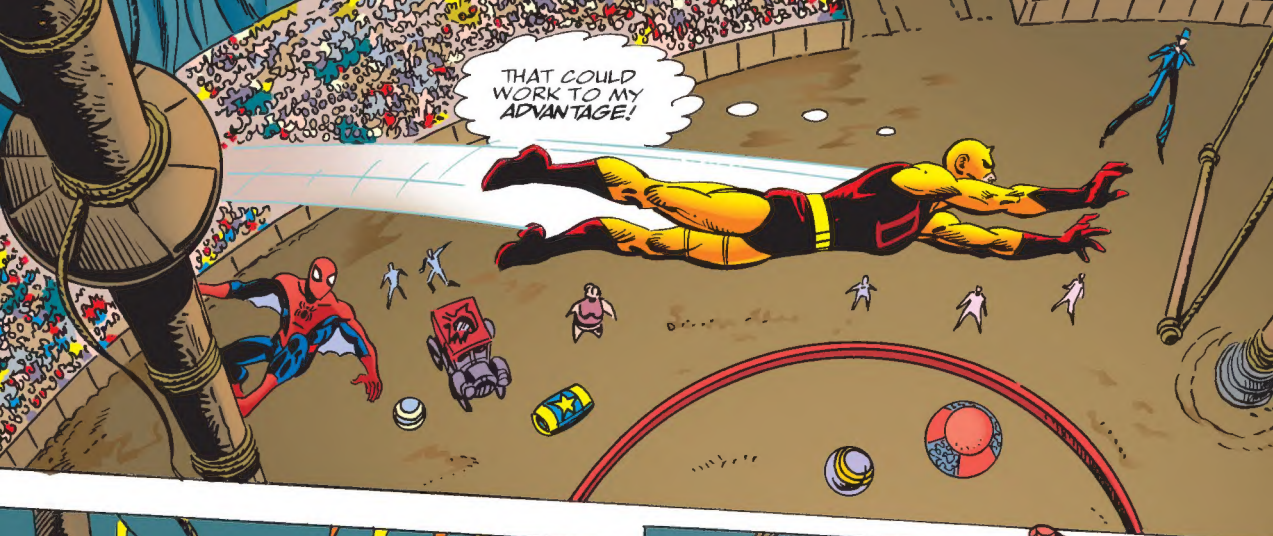
AND SINCE I HAPPEN  
TO BE A NORMAL  
MAN, AT LEAST IN  
THAT DEPARTMENT...



OF COURSE!  
SPIDER-MAN  
HAS NO WILL,  
NO MIND OF  
HIS OWN!

HE CANNOT ACT  
UNLESS THE  
RINGMASTER  
COMMANDS IT!





MY HAT...!!





AND NOW,  
IF I'VE  
GUESSED  
CORRECTLY...

...ANOTHER DOSE OF  
THIS HYPNOTIC  
EFFECT SHOULD  
SNAP SPIDER-MAN  
OUT OF THE  
RINGMASTER'S  
CONTROL...

HUH...??



DAREDEVIL!

WOW--I WAS HAVING  
THE WEIRDEST  
DREAM ABOUT YOU!

I'D COME TO THE  
CIRCUS BECAUSE  
THEY ANNOUNCED I  
WAS GIVING A  
PERFORMANCE FOR  
CHARITY...

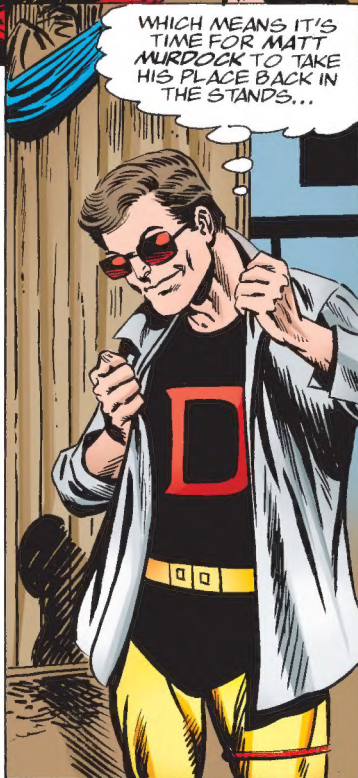
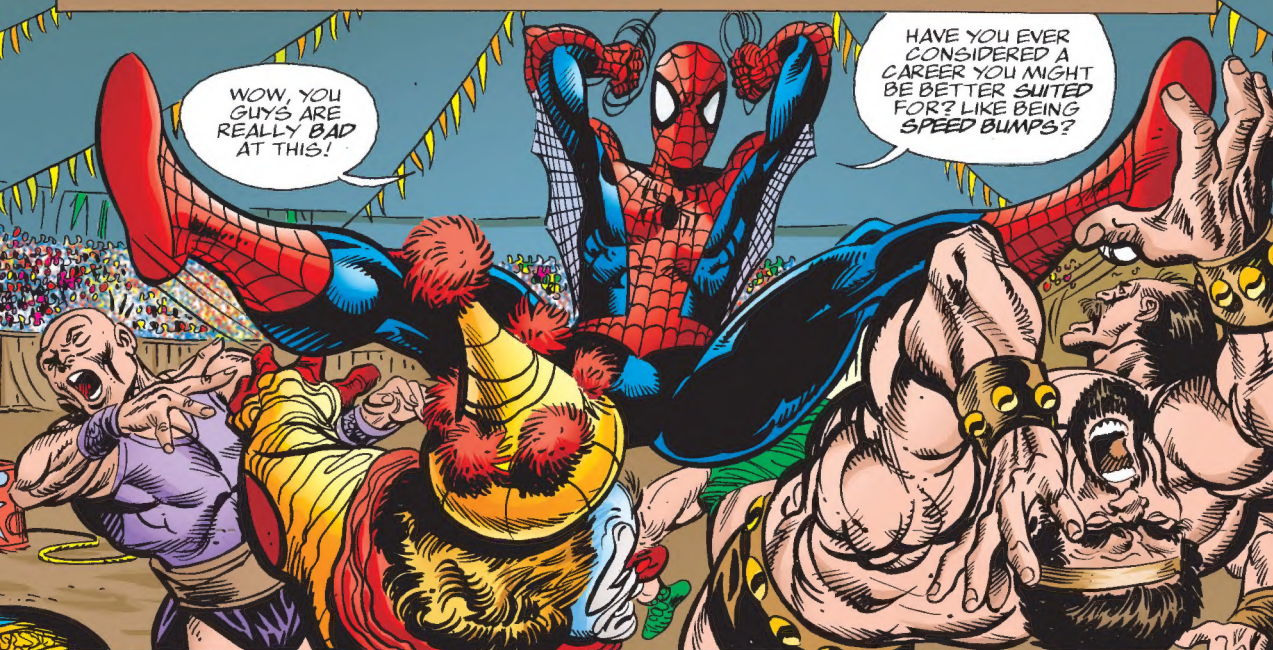
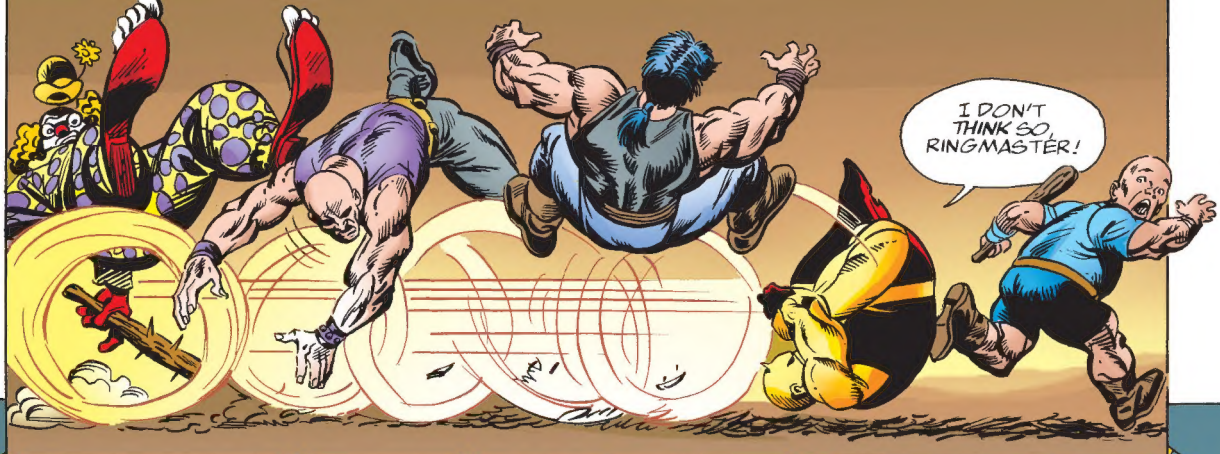
...AND THE NEXT  
THING I KNEW I WAS  
FIGHTING YOU!

THAT WAS NO DREAM,  
SPIDER-MAN!

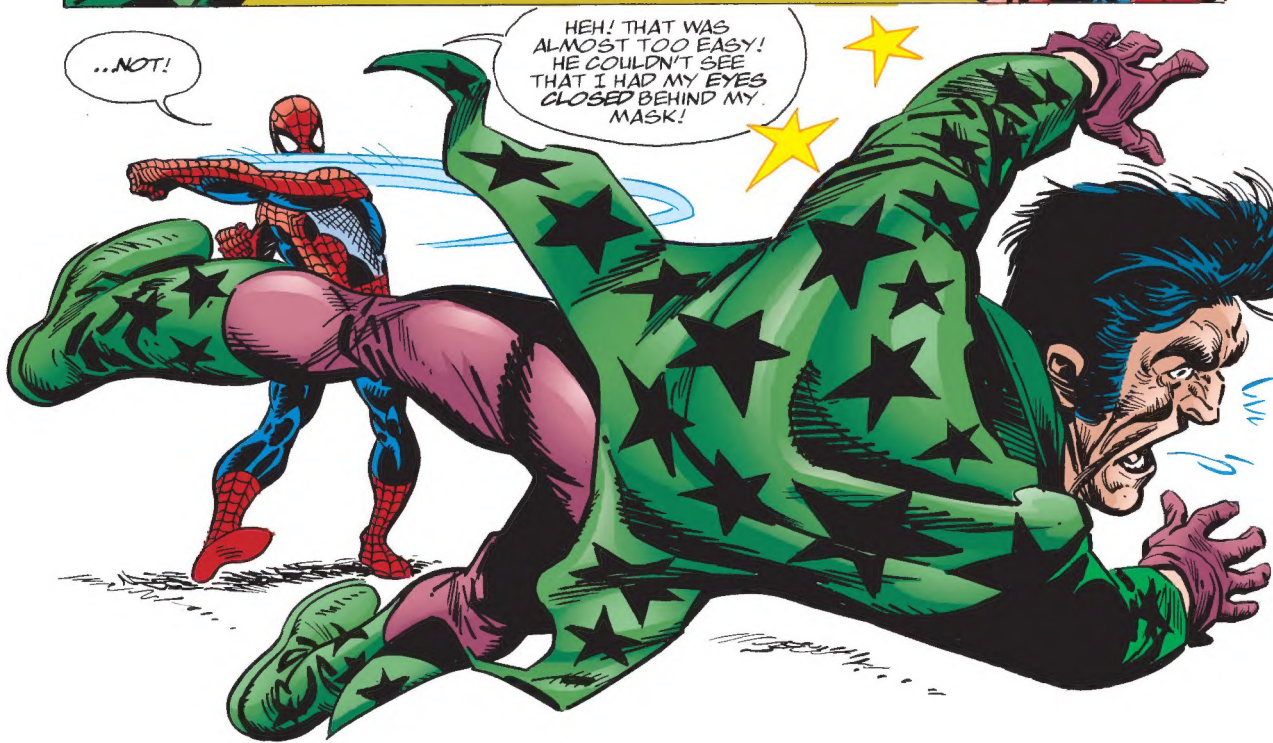
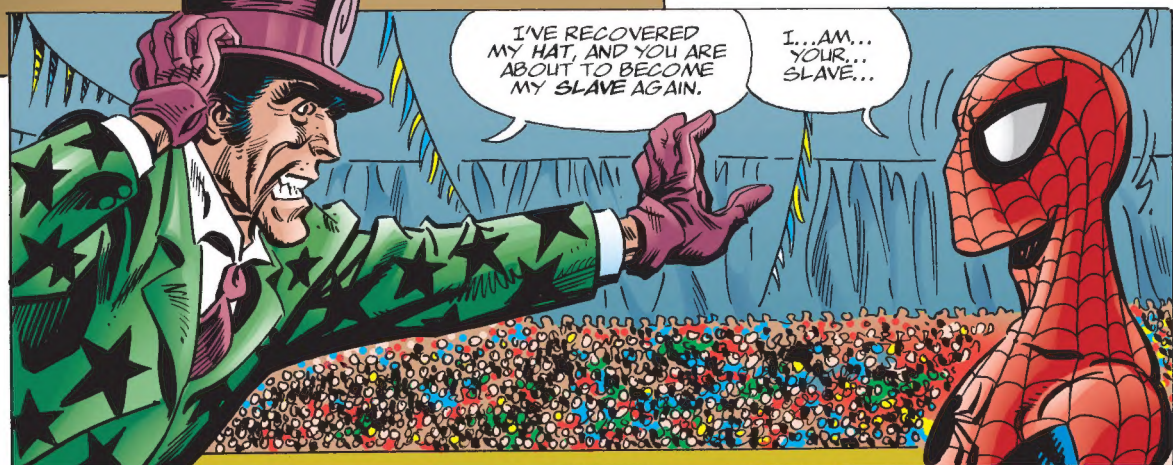
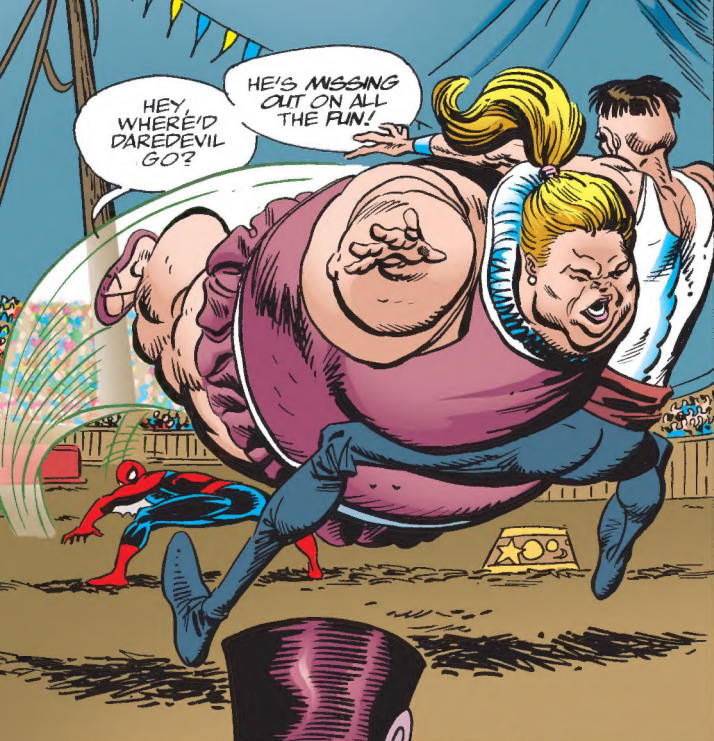
LOOK  
BEHIND  
YOU!

GET  
THEM!











BUT, AS SPIDER-MAN ENJOYS HIS TRIUMPH...

...A FEW YARDS AWAY, BY THE CAGE HOLDING THE CIRCUS'S PRIZE GORILLA...

EVERYTHING IS PERFECT.

NOW, IF SPIDER-MAN WILL JUST DO AS I EXPECT HIM TO...

DAREDEVIL FREED ME FROM THE RINGMASTER WITH ANOTHER ZAP FROM HIS HAT.

LET'S SEE IF THE SAME GAG WORKS ON THE WHOLE CROWD!

WELL, MATT? YOU DIDN'T WANT TO COME TO THE CIRCUS, BUT ADMIT IT, YOU ENJOYED YOURSELF, DIDN'T YOU?

YOU SEE, MATT? IT'S LIKE I'VE ALWAYS TOLD YOU—YOU DON'T HAVE TO LET YOUR BLINDNESS GET IN THE WAY OF YOUR HAVING FUN!

YES, KAREN. YES I DID!

SUDDENLY...


HOLY COW!

A GORILLA!

IT'S RUNNING WILD!







OUT OF THE WAY,  
SPIDER-MAN!  
YOU ARE NOT  
TRAINED AS I AM!

**KRAVEN  
THE  
HUNTER!!**

I DIDN'T  
KNOW HE WORKED  
FOR THIS  
CIRCUS!

KRAVEN WORKS  
FOR NO MAN  
SAVE KRAVEN,  
SPIDER-MAN!

NOW WATCH,  
AND LEARN THE  
MEANING OF  
FEAR!





THEN YOU ARE EVERY BIT THE WORTHY ADVERSARY I HAD HOPED!

ADVERSARY..?

WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT..??

FEAR..?

MISTER, YOU MAY BE PRETTY HOT STUFF OUT THERE IN THE JUNGLE...

...BUT BELIEVE ME, I COULD TAKE DOWN YOUR FURRY FRIEND WITHOUT RAISING A SWEAT!

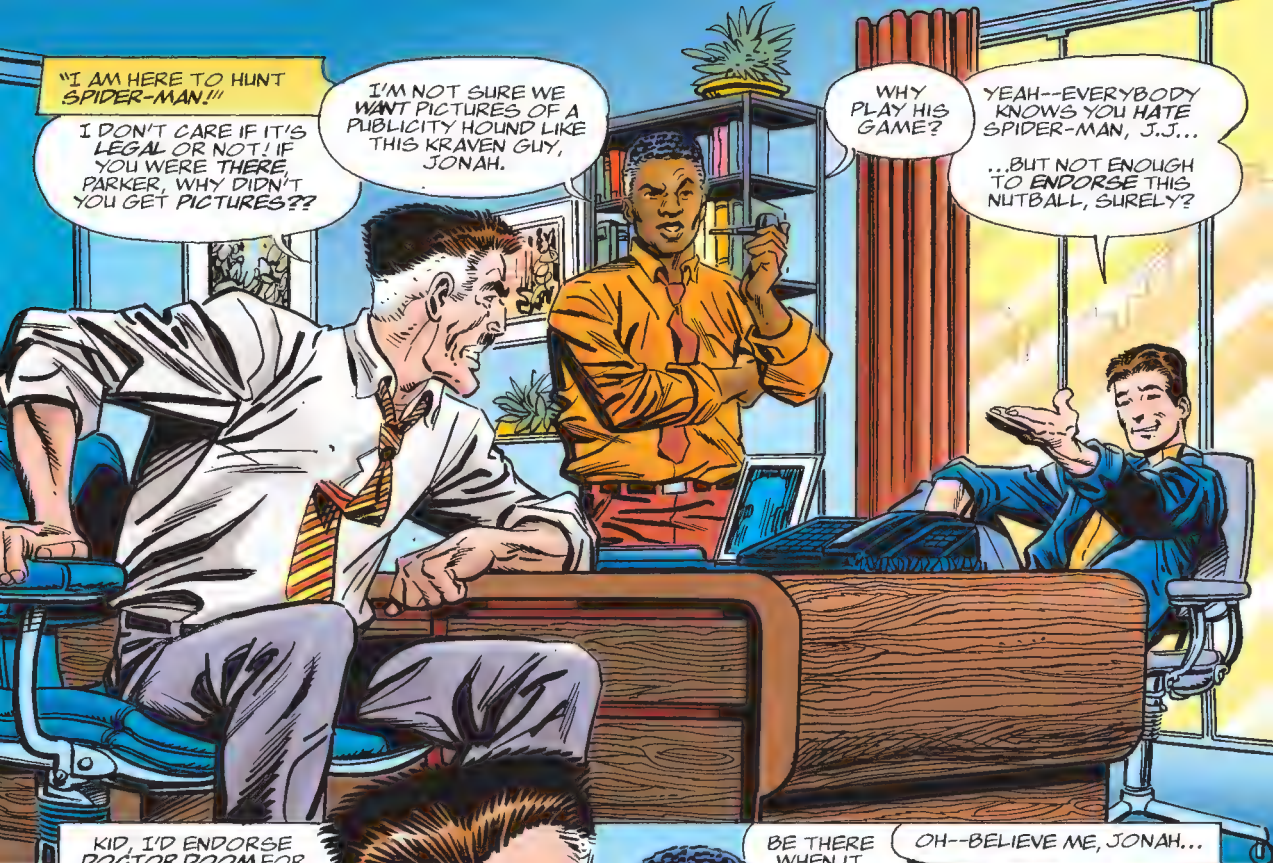
COULD YOU?

SIMPLY THIS SPIDER-MAN...

I ANNOUNCE BEFORE THIS ASSEMBLAGE THAT MY PURPOSE HERE IN NEW YORK IS TO HUNT THE MOST DANGEROUS GAME OF ALL!







"I AM HERE TO HUNT SPIDER-MAN!!"

I DON'T CARE IF IT'S LEGAL OR NOT! IF YOU WERE THERE, PARKER, WHY DIDN'T YOU GET PICTURES??

I'M NOT SURE WE WANT PICTURES OF A PUBLICITY HOUND LIKE THIS KRAVEN GUY, JONAH.

WHY PLAY HIS GAME?

YEAH--EVERYBODY KNOWS YOU HATE SPIDER-MAN, J.J....

...BUT NOT ENOUGH TO ENDORSE THIS NUTBALL, SURELY?

KID, I'D ENDORSE DOCTOR DOOM FOR PRESIDENT, IF I THOUGHT IT WOULD SELL ONE MORE PAPER!

NOW GET OUT OF HERE! YOU HAVE YOUR ASSIGNMENT! I WANT PICTURES OF KRAVEN CAPTURING SPIDER-MAN!

BE THERE WHEN IT HAPPENS!

OH--BELIEVE ME, JONAH...

"...IF IT HAPPENS, YOU CAN BET I'LL BE THERE!!"

YOU WERE RIGHT, MY FRIEND! SPIDER-MAN IS, INDEED, A PRIZE WORTHY OF MY SKILLS!

JUST DON'T LOSE SIGHT OF THE REAL GOAL HERE, KRAVEN.

YOUR SPORT IS A SECONDARY CONSIDERATION.

I WANT MY REVENGE ON SPIDER-MAN!

AND YOU SHALL HAVE IT, CHAMELEON, BEFORE THE WEEK IS OUT!



"YOU HAVE MADE THE ARRANGEMENTS, AS I REQUESTED...?"

I CAN'T BELIEVE THE WAY LIFE KEEPS KICKING ME IN THE HEAD LIKE THIS!

NOW THE ONLY WAY I CAN KEEP IN JONAH'S GOOD GRACES IS TO TURN IN PHOTOS OF KRAVEN SKINNING ME ALIVE!

HEY, LOOK!

SOME SUSPICIOUS-LOOKING CHARACTERS RUNNING ACROSS THE ROOFTOPS!

HEY, GUYS! WASSUP?

SPIDER-MAN!

A NAME AND A LEGEND, BOYS! DON'T GO SPOILING THINGS FOR MY LEGION OF ADORING FANS!

NOBODY COULD BE THAT FAST!

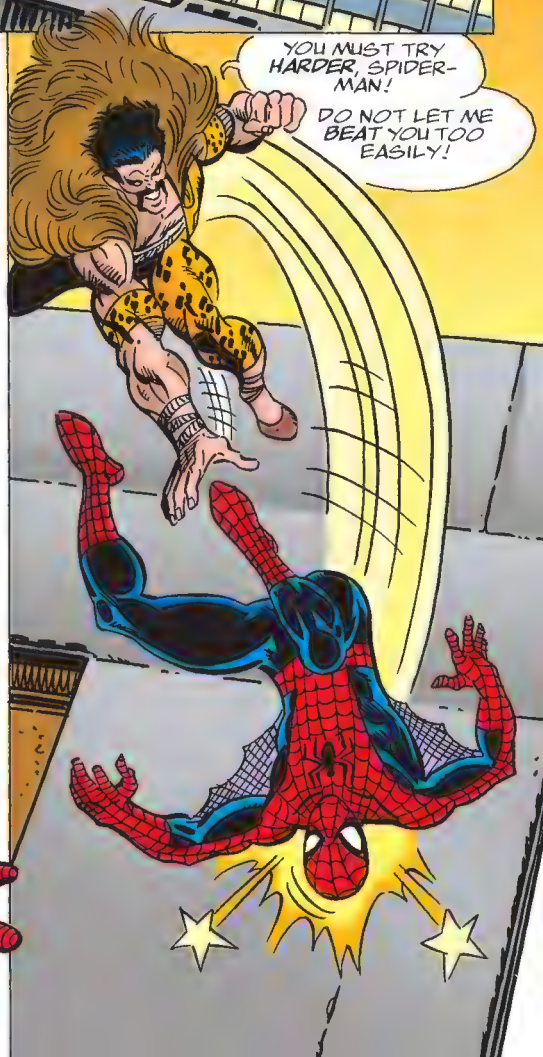
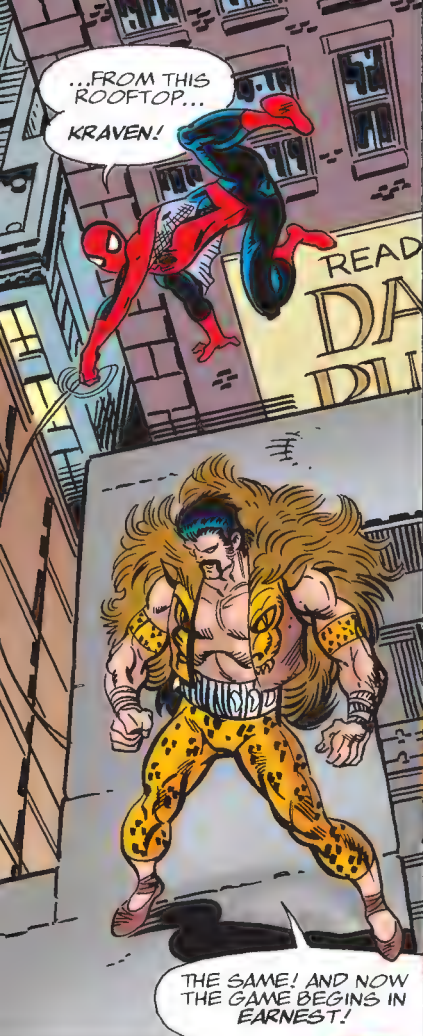
THEN I GUESS "NOBODY" IS MY MIDDLE NAME, HOTSHOT!

AND DOWN YOU ALL GO!

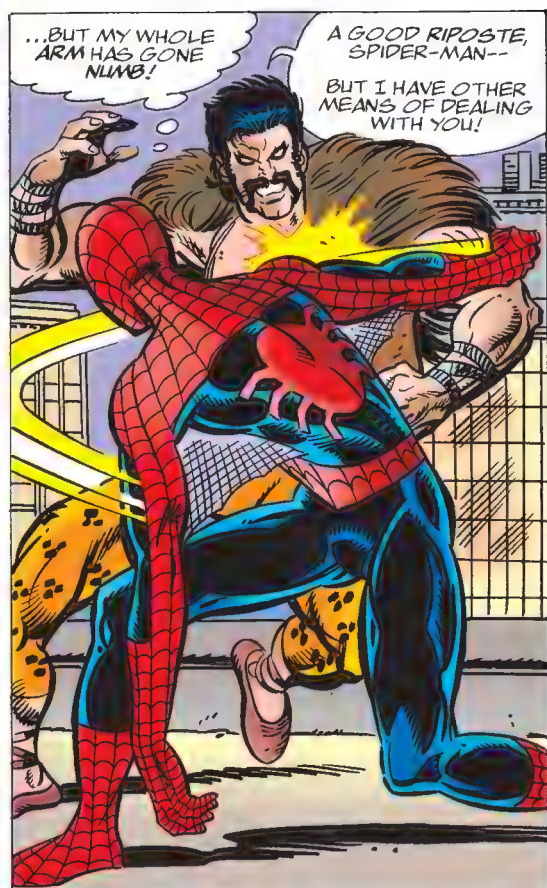
BUT--I'VE STILL GOT A WEE TINGLE FROM MY SPIDER-SENSE. SOMEONE IS WATCHING...



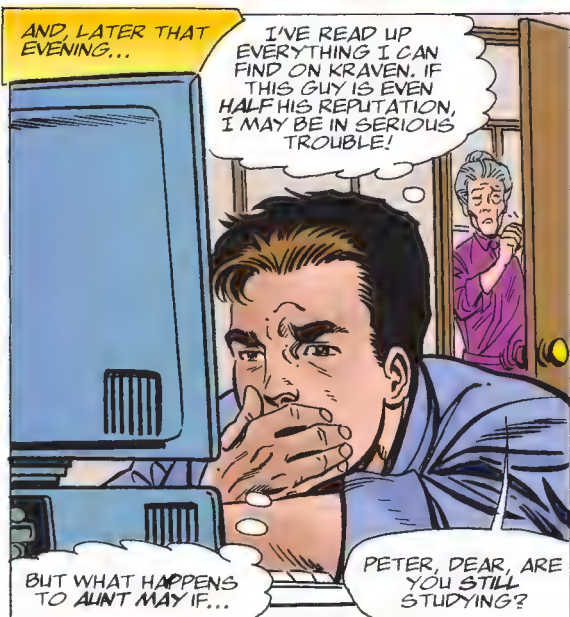
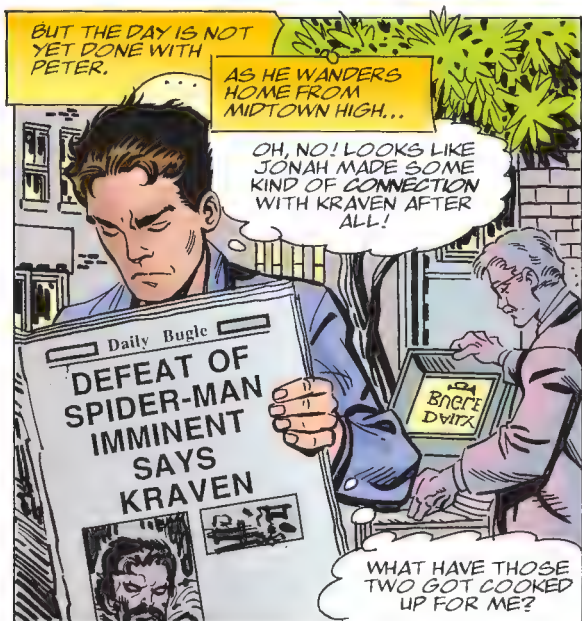
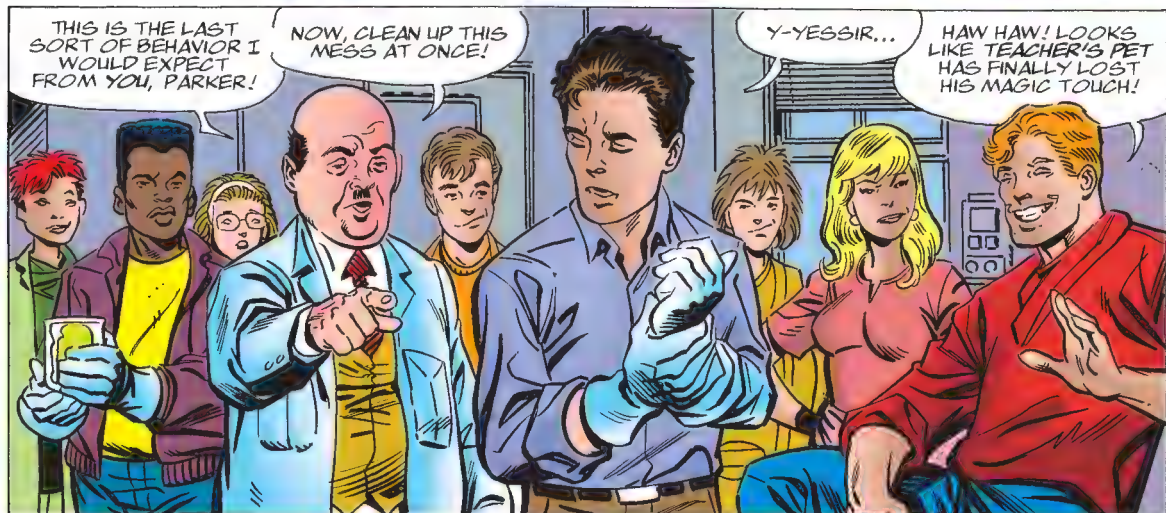
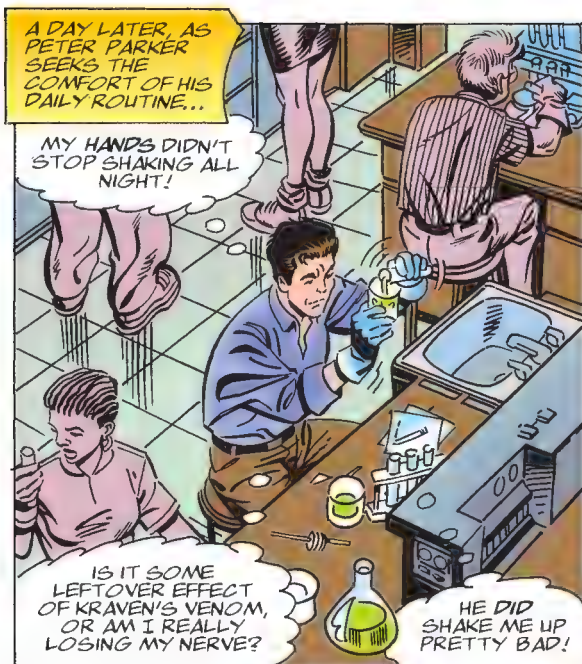




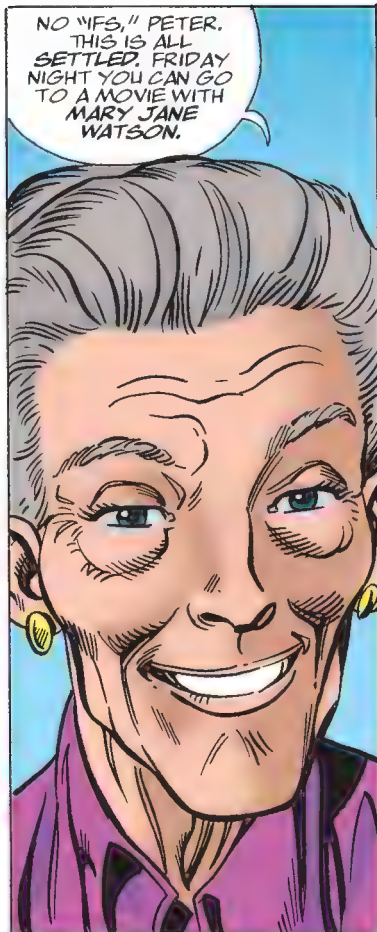
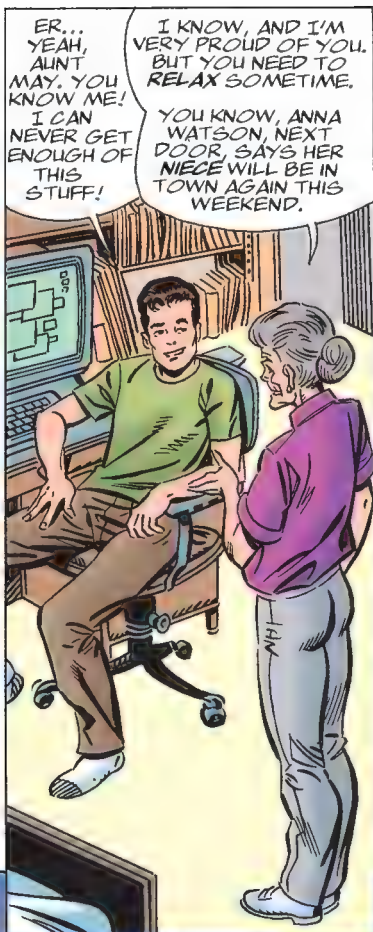




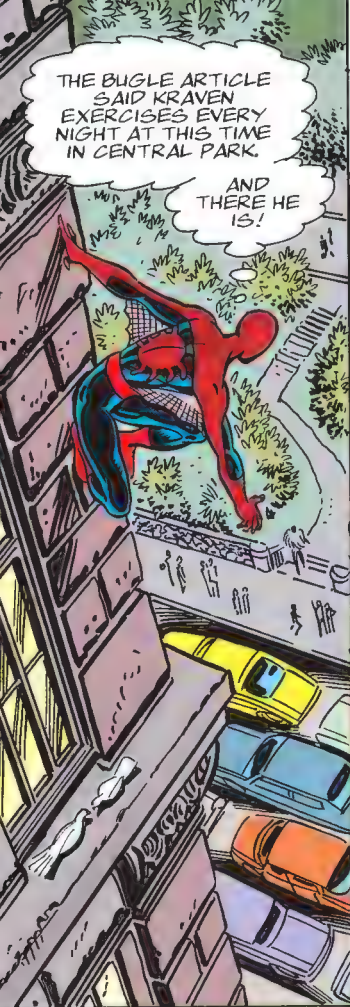












THE BUGLE ARTICLE SAID KRAVEN EXERCISES EVERY NIGHT AT THIS TIME IN CENTRAL PARK.

AND THERE HE IS!



MIGHT AS WELL GET THIS OVER WITH! AT LEAST I HAVE THE ELEMENT OF SURPRISE, THIS TIME!

PERFECT!



SPIDER-MAN IS FAR MORE PREDICTABLE THAN THE JUNGLE BEASTS I USUALLY HUNT.

HIS HUMANITY IS HIS GREATEST WEAKNESS!

NOW...



A NET!

BUT I'M SURE I DIDN'T TRIP ANY TRAPS...!!





KRAVEN MUST HAVE TRIGGERED IT HIMSELF--BUT HE WASN'T EVEN LOOKING AT...

HUH...??  
WELCOME, SPIDER-MAN!



YOU HAVE ACTED EXACTLY AS I EXPECTED!

ANOTHER KRAVEN...??



THOSE MAGNETIC BANDS WILL TAKE AWAY YOUR STRENGTH ADVANTAGE, SPIDER-MAN.

ALL YOUR ENERGY MUST NOW BE DIRECTED TO KEEPING YOUR WRIST FROM BONDING TO YOUR ANKLE!



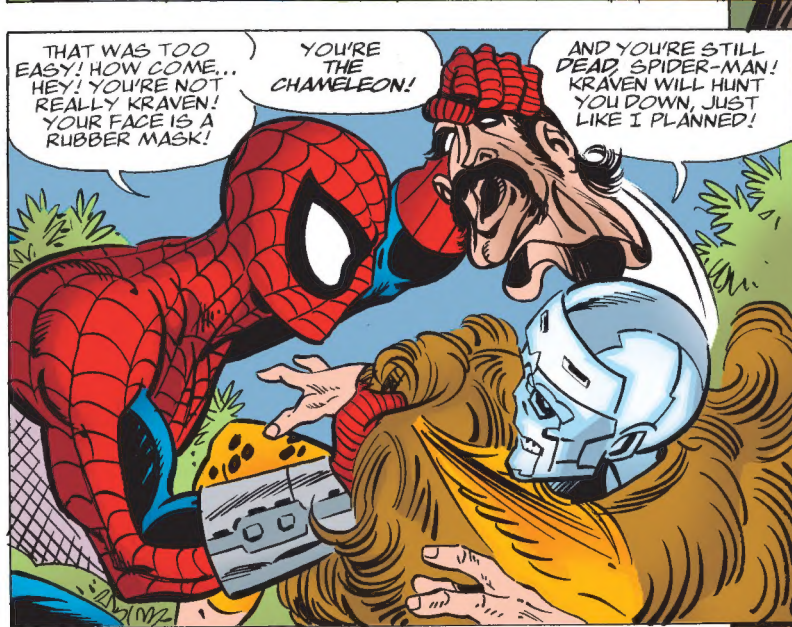
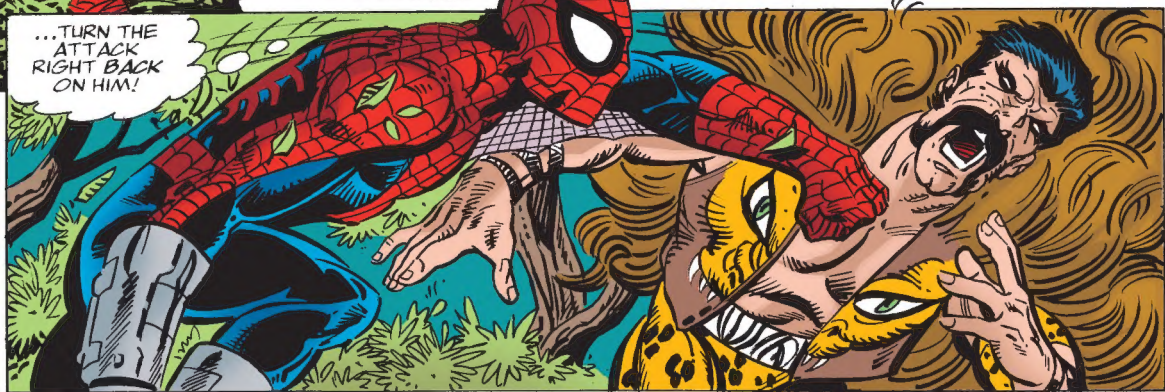
HE'S NOT KIDDING! KEEPING THESE THINGS APART IS TAKING EVERY OUNCE OF MY STRENGTH!



GOTTA KEEP AWAY FROM KRAVEN UNTIL I CAN FIND A WAY TO COUNTERACT THEM!

THAT'S IT, SPIDER-MAN! RUN! STRUGGLE! WEAR YOURSELF OUT!









LOOKS LIKE IT'S  
DOWN TO JUST YOU  
AND ME, AFTER ALL,  
HUH?

THE  
CHAMELEON'S  
MASK!



THE GAME DOES NOT  
CHANGE THAT  
EASILY, SPIDER-  
MAN!

IT IS KRAVEN WHO  
DECIDES WHEN AND  
HOW IT IS PLAYED!



AS I HAVE STALKED  
THE MOST ELUSIVE  
PREY IN THE  
WORLD...



NO LIVING MORTAL  
CAN TRACK KRAVEN,  
WHEN KRAVEN DOES  
NOT WISH IT SO!

I WILL DEVISE A NEW  
HUNT, AND RETURN TO  
FINISH SPIDER-MAN  
ONCE AND FOR...

...SO, TOO, HAVE I  
LEARNED TO BE  
INVISIBLE WHEN THE  
NEED ARISES!





HIYA, K-MAN!  
MISS ME?

NO! IT CANNOT BE!

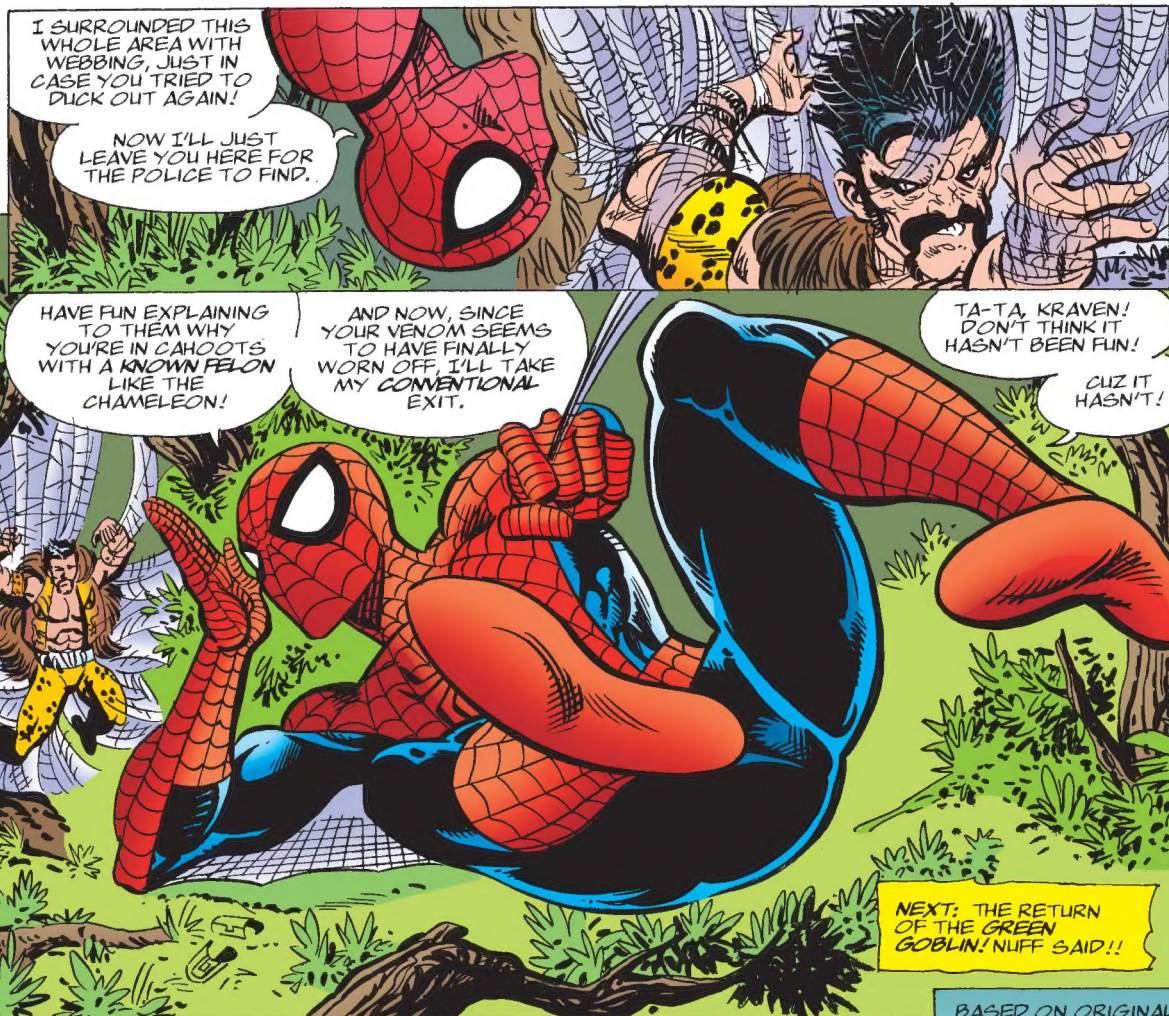


I HAVE  
UNDERESTIMATED  
YOU FOR THE LAST  
TIME, SPIDER-MAN!

WHEN NEXT WE  
MEET...

HUH???

MAKE THAT THE  
NEXT TO LAST  
TIME, KRAVEN!



I SURROUNDED THIS  
WHOLE AREA WITH  
WEBBING, JUST IN  
CASE YOU TRIED TO  
DUCK OUT AGAIN!

NOW I'LL JUST  
LEAVE YOU HERE FOR  
THE POLICE TO FIND.

HAVE FUN EXPLAINING  
TO THEM WHY  
YOU'RE IN CAHOOTS  
WITH A KNOWN FELON  
LIKE THE CHAMELEON!

AND NOW, SINCE  
YOUR VENOM SEEMS  
TO HAVE FINALLY  
WORN OFF, I'LL TAKE  
MY CONVENTIONAL  
EXIT.

TA-TA, KRAVEN!  
DON'T THINK IT  
HASN'T BEEN FUN!

CUZ IT  
HASN'T!

NEXT: THE RETURN  
OF THE GREEN  
GOBLIN! NUFF SAID!!

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